

CALL THE BALL

VOL.2 NO .50

The Newsletter of the 130th Composite Squadron

OCT 2002

Activity - September 2002

1st Week

SAFETY - Modders
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL
OPEN TOPIC NIGHT

3rd Week

EMERGENCY SERVICES
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL
CADET TOPICS

2nd Week

MORAL LEADERSHIP
AEROSPACE ED
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL

4th Week

OPEN TESTING
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL
RADIO FUN (CODE NIGHT)

5th Week ISLAND VOLCANO NIGHT
VIDEOS & FUN WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST SHIRT!

UNIFORM OF THE DAY 1 & 3rd weeks BDU — 2 & 4th BLUES



COMMANDERS CORNER : *The next few weeks will be busy ones during the weekends. Valley Sarex up north followed by Commander Conference next week. We will kick off November with our Foxhunt / Urban DF school. I hope to see a good turn out for our Foxhunt project. It is important to participate in the activities we sponsor. I would be great to see a 130th Member win the Foxhunt Trophy! I bet there are a lot of you looking at the sked for our 5th week*

and scratching your heads. Many of you have never experienced the unique experience of the Volcano night 5th week meeting at the 130th Composite squadron. The experience is "memorable." Ask your Cadet Commander about it as he is the only person to ever be promoted on a volcano night which is I think is partially due to his dedication to make his goal of Spatz cadet asap. Bring your sense of humor wear your craziest island wear — Just remember no human sacrifice or flaming stick dancing.

Quad Squad part 1 (GROUND TEAM TRAINING)

We had minor difficulties getting into the Air force base with the heightened security. The class work went pretty well with tons of topics covered in an amazingly short amount of time. For the Compass intro I was teamed with Col Uhlig for several classes. I enjoyed this activity and was surprised to learn that Col Uhlig has a pretty good sense of humor. I was allowed to do my topics early and zip home to celebrate my 14th wedding anniversary. We had a lot of fun working with the cadets from Viking, North Hennepin & Fort Snelling. I was a little disappointed that no 130th Cadets attended. We will be looking into what the reasons were in the next few meetings. Kudos to Lt Rossler and Chaplain Priest for their valued participation in this activity. Great Fun for all.

GLIDER GROUND SCHOOL (LAST CALL!)

Thank you to all that responded to the earlier MNWG Announcement about the Glider Ground School. We had close to 30 responses! The cost, dates and venue are now set as follows: **Dates:** Saturday/Sunday October 26 - 27 Start time: 0900 each day **Location:** St Croix Squadron facilities at Lake Elmo Airport. **Cost:** \$79 for all CAP members (20% discount) \$69 for multiple members from the same family (33% discount) 25% off on all soaring books (About 17 different titles will be available for purchase) To solve a potential

"no-show" problem, Bob ask that you send a check with half the tuition to my address below. The rest will be due after the seminar. Write checks payable to Bob Wander or "Soarbooks" (not to me please)! Any prepaid tuition is refundable to participants that attend up until lunchtime on the first day (if you are dissatisfied, but I don't think Bob ever had a request for refund). I have sent out e-mail updates to all that expressed interest, however, 7 of them came back as undeliverable. (Changed address?) Any of you that did not receive the cost update via e-mail, please send your new e-mail address by return to me. Coffee, pop, candy and bottled water (free) will be available throughout. Lunch on your own, several fast food places close by, or bring your own food. Motels are available within 2 miles. Space for additional participants may still be available, but seating is somewhat limited. Members that responded to the first announcement will have space reserved. This school is arranged by MNWG Glider Operations. No unit or members of CAP will receive compensation of any kind and except for the facility, no cost is incurred by CAP. Our objective is to provide a 1st Class Glider Ground School to our CAP Glider Students and other interested CAP members. Based on personal experience and past testimonials I am certain that Bob Wander's presentations will be memorable and of lasting value to all participants, present pilots included.

LTC Roger R. Brogren
MNWG Glider Operations
87 Quail Street
Mahtomedi, MN 55115-1967

BIZARRO by Dan Piraro



AWARDS 101

Many of us would like to add to our collections or ribbons. Many more are wanting to promote to the next grade! How? What do I do? Well, many of us have wondered the same thing. I can recall being just a little bit grumpy when I was told to read the "regs" if I wanted to know the criteria for the next promotion or that nifty recruiter ribbon. My reaction was "Huh? Why not tell

me. You guys know everything. Right? Well... The truth of the matter is that there are a lot of rules and regulations and your cadet leaders and (especially) seniors may not know it all. You can get the current National regs by pointing your WEB browser to <http://www.capnhq.gov/documents/webregulations/pubsweb.htm> You will find that the written material covers all the regulations that concern Civil Air Patrol. I have in the past provided a CD rom with all the documents as well as the Minnesota Supplements to the regs in PDF format. Ask me for one (Give me a blank or 2) and I will gladly make a copy for you.

SHAME ON YOU AMERICAN-HATING LIBERALS by Tony Parsons (From the London Times)

ONE year ago, the world witnessed a unique kind of broadcasting - the mass murder of thousands, live on television. As a lesson in the pitiless cruelty of the human race, September 11 was up there with Pol Pot's mountain of skulls in Cambodia, or the skeletal bodies stacked like garbage in the Nazi concentration camps. An unspeakable act so cruel, so calculated and so utterly merciless that surely the world could agree on one thing - nobody deserves this fate. Surely there could be consensus: the victims were truly innocent, the perpetrators truly evil. But to the world's eternal shame, 9/11 is increasingly seen as America's comeuppance. Incredibly, anti-Americanism has increased over the last year. There has always been a simmering resentment to the USA in this country too loud, too rich, too full of themselves and so much happier than Europeans - but it has become an epidemic. And it seems incredible to me. More than that, it turns my stomach. America is this country's greatest friend and our staunchest ally. We are bonded to the US by culture, language and blood. A little over half a century ago, around half a million Americans died for our freedoms, as well as their own. Have we forgotten so soon? And exactly a year ago, thousands of ordinary men, women and children - not just Americans, but from dozens of countries - were butchered by a small group of religious fanatics. Are we so quick to betray them? What touched the heart about those who died in the twin towers and on the planes was that we recognized them. Young fathers and mothers, somebody's son and somebody's daughter, husbands and wives. And children. Some unborn. And these people brought it on themselves? And their nation is to blame for their meticulously planned slaughter? These days you don't have to be some dust-encrusted nut job in Kabul or Karachi or Finsbury Park to see America as the Great Satan. The anti-American alliance is made up of self-loathing liberals who blame the Americans for every ill in the Third World, and conservatives suffering from power-envy, bitter that the world's only super power can do what it likes without having to ask permission. The truth is that America has behaved with enormous restraint since September 11th. Remember, remember! Remember the gut-wrenching tapes of weeping men phoning their wives to say, "I love you," before they were burned alive. Remember those people leaping to their deaths from the top of burning skyscrapers. Remember the hundreds of firemen buried alive. Remember the smiling face of that beautiful little girl who was on one of the planes with her mum. Remember, remember - and realize that America has never retaliated for 9/11 in anything like the way it could have. So a few al-Qaeda tourists got locked without a trial in Camp X-ray? Pass the Kleenex. So some Afghan wedding receptions were shot up after they merrily fired their semi-automatics in a sky full of American planes? A shame, but maybe next time they should stick to rice or confetti. AMERICA

could have turned a large chunk of the world into a parking lot. That it didn't is a sign of strength. American voices are already being raised against attacking Iraq that's what a democracy is for. How many in the Islamic world will have a minute's silence for the slaughtered innocents of 9/11? How many Islamic leaders will have the guts to say that the mass murder of 9/11 was an abomination? When the news of 9/11 broke on the West Bank, those freedom-loving Palestinians were dancing in the street. America watched all of that and didn't push the button. We should thank the stars that America is the most powerful nation in the world. I still find it incredible that 9/11 did not provoke all-out war. Not a "war on terrorism". A real war. The fundamentalist dudes are talking about "opening the gates of hell", if America attacks Iraq. Well, America could have opened the gates of hell like you wouldn't believe. The US is the most militarily powerful nation that ever strode the face of the earth. The campaign in Afghanistan may have been less than perfect and the planned war on Iraq may be misconceived. But don't blame America for not bringing peace and light to these wretched countries. How many democracies are there in the Middle East, or in the Muslim world? You can count them on the fingers of one hand - assuming you haven't had any chopped off for minor shoplifting. I love America, yet America is hated. I guess that makes me Bush's poodle. But I would rather be a dog in New York City than a Prince in Riyadh. Above all, America is hated because it is what every country wants to be - rich, free, strong, open, optimistic. Not ground down by the past, or religion, or some caste system. America is the best friend this country ever had and we should start remembering that. Or do you really think the USA is the root of all evil? Tell it to the loved ones of the men and women who leaped to their death from the burning towers. Tell it to the nursing mothers whose husbands died on one of the hijacked planes, or were ripped apart in a collapsing skyscraper. And tell it to the hundreds of young widows whose husbands worked for the New York Fire Department. To our shame, George Bush gets a worse press than Saddam Hussein. Once we were told that Saddam gassed the Kurds, tortured his own people and set up rape-camps in Kuwait. Now we are told he likes Quality Street. Save me the orange centre, oh mighty one! Remember, remember, September 11. One of the greatest atrocities in human history was committed against America. No, do more than remember. Never forget.

QUAD Squad part 2 (GROUND TEAM SORTIE)

Valleys team will be departing Friday Oct. 4th. Maj Miller & Cap. Miller will be driving the Valley Van. Mission Base will be the DNR Fire Tower 2 miles north of Duquette, MN. Get out your maps and see if you can locate it. Training will take place in the Nemadji State Forest. We will be camping. Start preparing your gear. Food will be available for purchase at the Duquette Store. A local church is planning a fund raising dinner for Sat. Night (prepare to make a \$\$ donation) Red Cross may be on site during the day with food, however always prepare as if you are on your own. We will be working with the MN DNR, Local Fire and Rescue, and MN SAR Dogs. Those planning to participate, should reply by e-mail ASAP to be placed on the list. Valley requests we submit a list of those interested in participating in this mission.

PRAY FOR PEACE BUT PREPARE FOR WAR